



# **Transition Farming & Biodiversity**

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Transition Farming is about developing a road map for adapting to biological and ecological farming methods. It is time to transition our farms and support farmers in adapting to the challenges they face here in Kerry and Ireland. This means improving their ability to make a sustainable living, while also playing an active role in mitigating some of the impacts of climate change in relation to food sovereignty, biodiversity and the natural environment that supports us.

Transition Farming is about introducing farmers to new ways of looking at Climate Change and its challenges which means transitioning their farms into being part of the solution in a sustainable and localised way.

This involves whole systems thinking, integrating Permaculture, Organics, Agroforestry, Mycofarming (Mushrooms), Seed Saving and other methodologies.

## The Aim of The Transition Farming Training Programme Is To:

- Work with farmers over a 2-year period to introduce them to alternative ecological and biological solutions that they can integrate into their existing farming practices.
- Identify the challenges that farmers face currently and into the future.
- Help farmers adapt to these challenges using nature based ecological and biological farming methods.
- Reduce or replace high cost industrial and oil-based inputs.
- Use of their on-farm resources more efficiently. (Circular economy) by replacing external energy and import costs with more self-sufficient, resilient on-farm solutions.
- Look at each farm as an island of which each farmer is an integral part and examine how our farms interact with the larger community, environment, and economy

- Exploring new and old knowledge, to understand how we can adapt to a more nature based and sustainable farming system. This involves looking specifically at a new foundation of knowledge driven by access to the internet and evolving technologies.
- Identify the benefits of using the technological tools and apps that have evolved in recent years to improve on farm efficiency and product quality.
- Help our farmers re-imagine a new way of farming for the future, which will re-inspire the next generation to return to the land and our rural communities.

Over the duration of 2 years, we held workshops focusing on all these topics. There were farm walks and site visits where we learned and shared experiences.

Farmers gained an understanding of how all these practices and principles work together to create regenerative and resilient farming strategies.



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